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12 November 1954

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J. Edgar Hoover, Esquire  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Referring to our meeting this morning which I had with the Attorney General and you with regard to the proposed directive to be issued by the President to the appropriate departments and agencies of the government with respect to the IAC Watch Committee, I enclose a draft giving the changes and additions as discussed this morning.

In case you are in agreement, I shall submit this draft to General Cutler for notification to the Security Council and appropriate action.

The only modifications over the draft previously approved by the Council subject to our agreement on editorial changes are: in paragraph b. (1) the deletion of the word "significant" in line two; the addition in line three after "intelligence" of the words "of reasonable credibility;" and in paragraph b. (3) the insertion at the end of the following additional sentence: "In the case of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the matter shall be taken up by the Director thereof with the Attorney General who shall consult with the Director of Central Intelligence, and if there is disagreement the matter shall be referred to the President." I have also changed the order of "agency or department" in the first line of b. (3) to conform to practice and the wording of paragraph b.

Sincerely yours,

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Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE**

**SUBJECT:** Transmittal of Information and Recommendation for Future Action Concerning Warning Facilities of the Intelligence Community

**REFERENCES:** A. NSC Action No. 1195  
B. Memos for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated July 26 and August 4, 1954

The National Security Council, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Attorney General and the Director, Bureau of the Budget, at the 209th Council meeting on August 5, 1954 (NSC Action No. 1195-a and b):

- a. Noted that Director of Central Intelligence Directive 1/2 states the following mission of the Watch Committee of the Intelligence Advisory Committee:

To provide earliest possible warning to the United States Government of hostile action by the USSR, or its allies, which endangers the security of the United States.

- b. Recommended that the President, ~~subject to the Director of Central Intelligence and the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, agreeing upon editorial changes not affecting the substance,~~ issue the following directive to all appropriate departments and agencies of the Government:

- (1) To make fully available to the IAC Watch Committee all significant information and intelligence of reasonable credibility pertinent to its mission and functions (as defined in DCID 1/2), without restriction because of source, policy or operational sensitivity.
- (2) To keep the IAC Watch Committee informed concerning significant diplomatic, political, military, or other courses of action by the U.S., approved for immediate implementation or in process of execution, which might bring about military reaction or early hostile action by the USSR, or its allies, thus endangering the security of the U.S. This information is for the explicit and express use of the Watch Committee and those members of the NIC who need to know of it in order to perform their functions.

- (3) When, in the opinion of a department or agency, overriding considerations affecting the national security exist which justify an exception to (1) or (2) above, the decision as to withholding or delaying the transmission of the information to the Watch Committee shall be taken up with the Director of Central Intelligence and, if there is disagreement, referred to the President. In the case of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the matter shall be taken up by the Director thereof with the Attorney General who shall consult with the Director of Central Intelligence, and if there is disagreement the matter shall be referred to the President.

Accordingly, the action in b above is transmitted herewith for appropriate action.

(Proposed new wording is underlined, proposed omissions are crossed out and change of order shown by dittoed underlining.)